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Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome Visitors!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

Divine Service Setting One

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



tre a - sures man - y? I have one worth
con - scienc e seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
bright ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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P In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11. 12c; antiphon; Isaiah 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
 my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
 and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
 be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This is the Feast

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Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

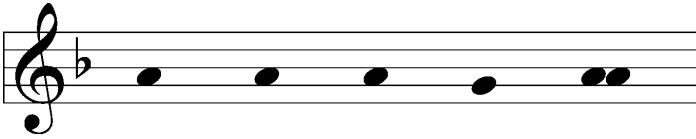
1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

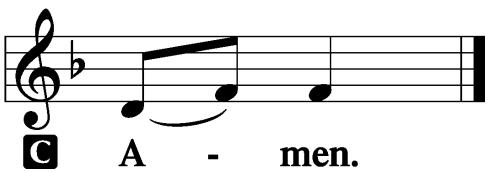


P The Lord be with you.



C And also with you.

P Let us pray.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 157

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

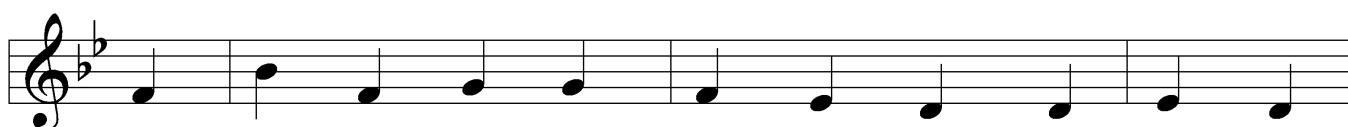
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

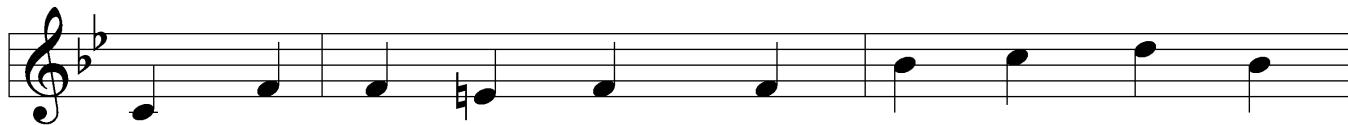
Sermon Hymn

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

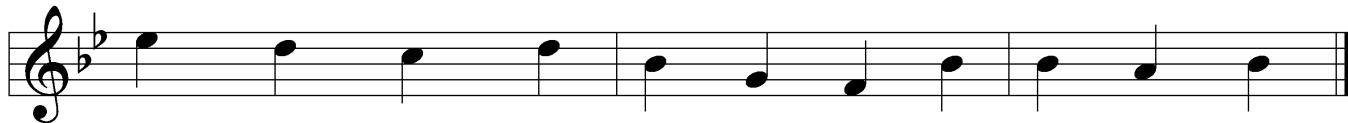
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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

“God’s Chosen Servant”

Isaiah 42:1-9

Installation of Officers

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

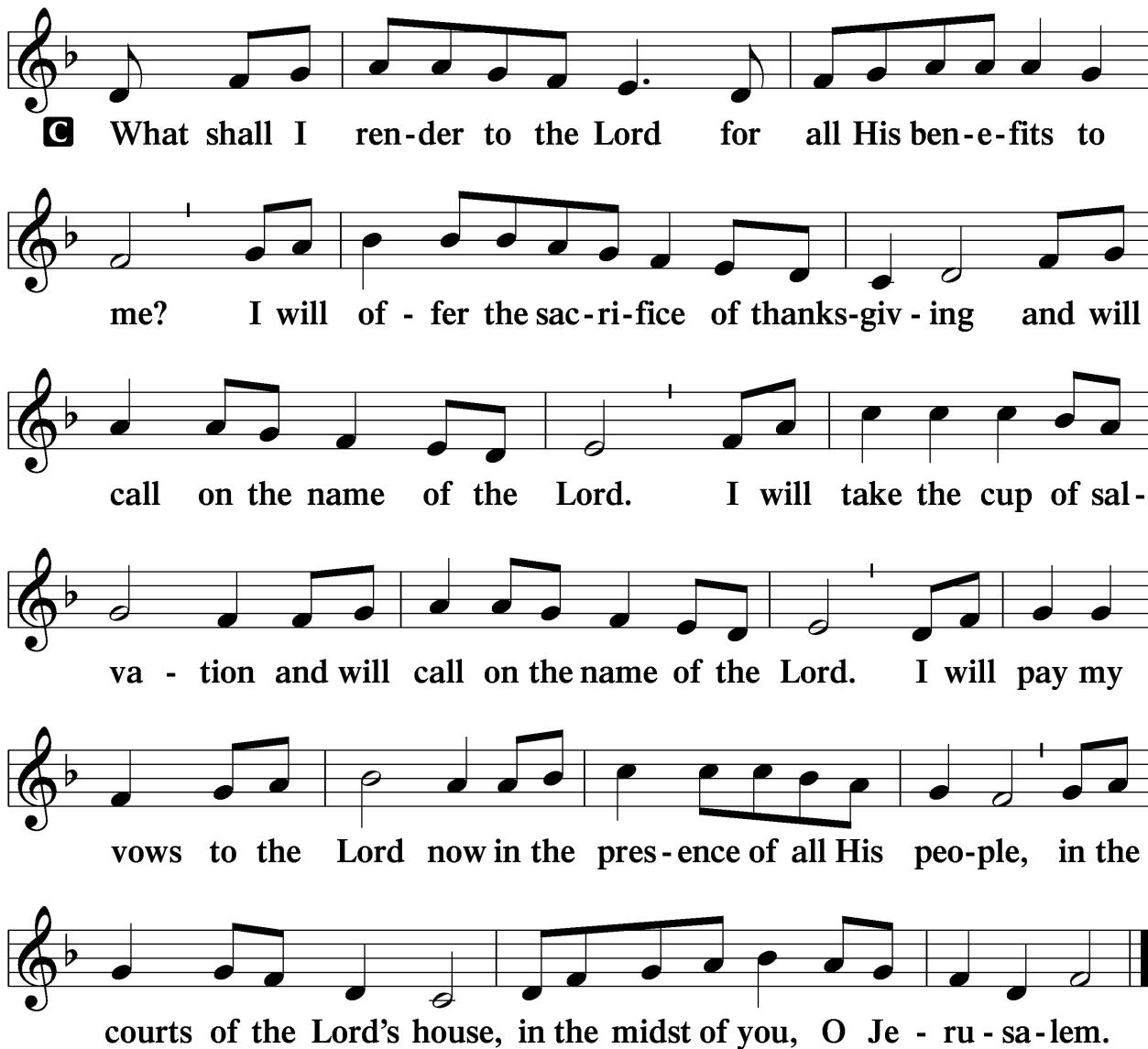
P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

Offering

Offertory

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The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are as follows:

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Musical notation for the response 'The Lord be with you.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a dotted half note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a dotted half note. The text 'The Lord be with you.' is written below the notes.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the response 'And also with you.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The text 'And also with you.' is written below the notes.

C And also with you.

Musical notation for the response 'Lift up your hearts.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a dotted half note. The text 'Lift up your hearts.' is written below the notes.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the response 'We lift them to the Lord.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The text 'We lift them to the Lord.' is written below the notes.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the response 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, a dotted half note, and a dotted half note. The text 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' is written below the notes.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

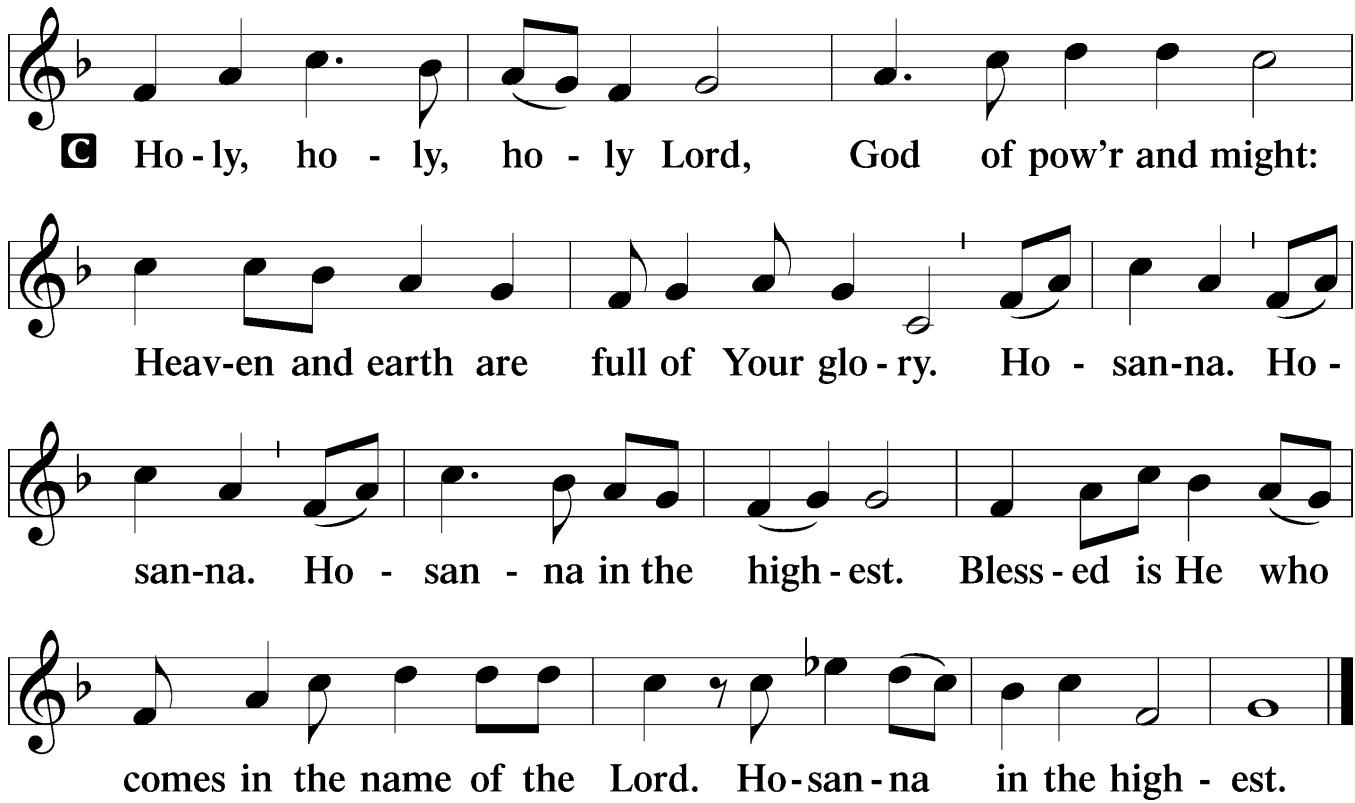
Musical notation for the response 'It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, a dotted half note, and a dotted half note. The text 'It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' is written below the notes.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

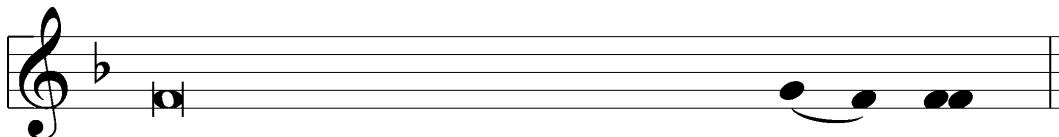
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

LSB 596



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In - deed, from your con -
3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -
4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -
ev - er. The wa - ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a -
cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de - stroyed And
for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
in - ward from the high - est good, You con-stant - ly de - nied Him.
all our sin - ful selves em-ployed Ac - cord-ing to our na - ture.
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. Jon D. Vieker, 1961

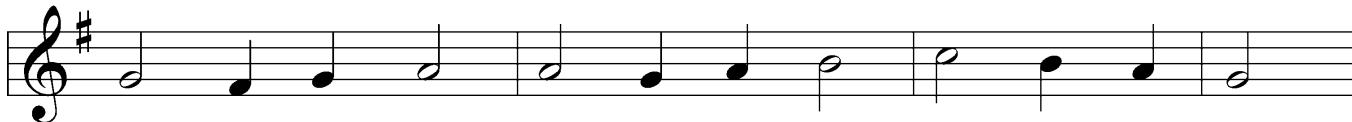
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“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

LSB 625



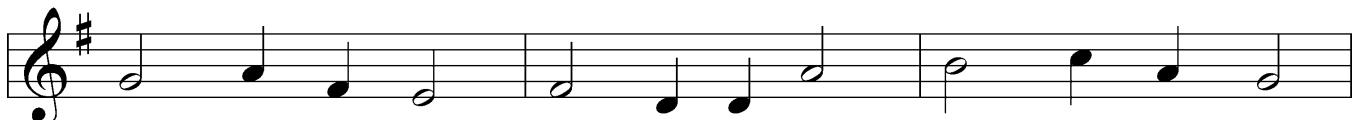
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ-teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re-ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com-forts me That You re-ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.

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Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thank the Lord

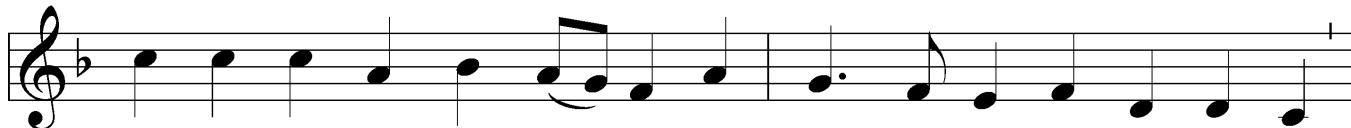
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



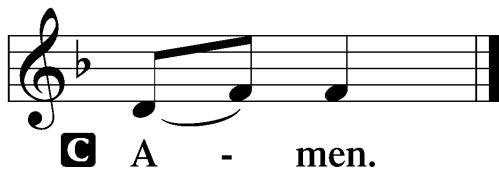
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and **†** give you peace.



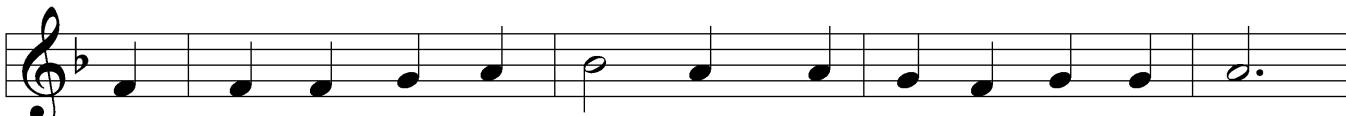
Closing Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless-ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans-gres-sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ-teous - ness in foun-tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king-dom still in - creas-ing, A king-dom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today:	Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today:	Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday:	Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday:	Pastors Winkel, Savoy, 9am
Tuesday:	Elders, 7pm
Wednesday:	Chapel at St. Paul, Woodworth, 8:30am
Wednesday:	Bible Class, 10am; <i>Bulletin Deadline, 10am</i>
Thursday:	Council Meeting, 7pm
Saturday:	Idaville Service, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	1/11/26	1/18/26
Elder	Jim Winder	Rich Rieches
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves
Sound Board	Patty Bruens	Neil Rieches
Greeters	Doug Benner Kendra Morts	Patty Bruens Jean Lauterbach
Acolyte	Jaylin Lavicka	Sophia Billingsley
Head Usher	Landon Reutter	Landon Reutter
Altar Guild	Kendra and Evelyn Morts	Kendra and Evelyn Morts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30pm. We will start again our new study "A New Song: Save Me, O My God" and will start with Psalm 3. Work through the first week before we meet. I do still have 2 copies of the book available for \$5 and you still have time to join us. If you can't meet on Tuesdays, you can still work through this book in your personal devotional time. Talk to Renee to get your copy of the book.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will resume today following service. The children will learn about John the Baptist correlating to learning about the Baptism of our Lord in the church service. The Adult Bible Class will dig into the 8th Commandment. Pastor wrote in the January newsletter "Let us resolve together to strengthen our faith, hope, and love in 2026. This comes when we bind ourselves to God's Word in study and devotion." Now is the perfect time to join us in studying God's word either in Sunday School or Bible Class. And remember, we have free coffee and snacks.

UPDATES FOR THE 2026 DIRECTORY are needed. During the month of January, I will be updating the church directory. **Please look over your information and any other members of your family listed.** Send me any changes or corrections to your address, phone number, or email address by January 28. If you have tried to call someone using the information in the directory and it no longer works, please let me know that as well. Thanks for helping me keep information up to date.

ANNUAL MEETING will be next Sunday, January 18. If you have a report, have it to Renee by Monday, January 12 to be included in the booklet.

ELDERS AND COUNCIL will meet this week in preparation for the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

PRAIRIEVIEW LUTHERAN DOOR OFFERING: We will take a door offering for Prairiewood Lutheran this Sunday and next Sunday. This offering will go towards the Community Enrichment Project. This Project is a multi phase development project that aims to make enhancements to the community surrounding Prairiewood. Phase 1 consists of updates to Prairiewood's structures (new flooring, paint, windows, etc), a Community Walking Path around Prairiewood's campus (completed earlier this year), and a Community Daycare Center on Prairiewood's campus. The fundraising goal for the Community Enrichment Project is \$1,000,000. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to Prairiewood Lutheran Homes with Community Enrichment Project in the memo line.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: A Note from Pastor Micheal Schuermann: A student going off to college enters an exciting, yet perilous, season of life. There are many temptations to abandon Christ and the solid foundation of His Word and Church. The urge to invent or reinvent often pulls students away from the Lutheran Church towards trying other religious options. At the same time, however, many students find the opportunity to seriously consider the teachings of God's Word, and to deeply explore and grow in the Christian Faith. For all these reasons it is important that campus ministry congregations like University Lutheran exist and continue: to be a place for all those who flee to, or return to, Christ and His forgiveness for sinners.

Find more information on the bulletin board including pictures of a confirmation, a baptism, fun and prayerful times as well as an opportunity to financially support UniLu.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."
Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Eric Bretzman Tuesday
Barb Teig Thursday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
Ethel Lucht
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother in law of Dennis Selk
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Brenda St. Peter, given Christian burial this past week.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes

Delmer Hinrichs

Mary Kamin

Joann Sloan

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Mt. Calvary in Decatur and Brett Hinrichs her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton as he serves their vacancy.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO.

Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

